(c) The insecticide treated mosquito bednets are not known to be commercially available ni Delhi.

Prevention of AIDS

*228. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state what steps Government are taking to prevent AIDS in the country with special reference to foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): The Government has already issued necessary guidelines in this regard.

The Government has so far established a network of 62 surveillance centres in 35 cities and facilities for HIV testing in 128 Zonal Blood Testing Centres; developed health education materials for creating awareness; and taken up training of medical and para-medical staff.

A comprehensive project for "Prevention and Control of AIDS" has been formulated for funding from the World Bank. The project involves an outlay of US dollar 100 million and will be implemented for a period of 5 years beginning from the financial year 1992-93. Under the National AIDS Control Project, assistance will be provided both in cash and kind to the State Governments and U.T. Adminstrations for implementing the following project activities:—

— Promotion of the condom as a prophylaxis;
— Blood safety and increasing voluntary blood donation;
— Control of sexually transmitted diseases;
— Information, education and communication for raising awareness;
— Surveillance.

Loss of Life and Property due to fire Accidents in Delhi

@*229. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated loss of life and property in fire incidents in the high rise buildings in Delhi during the last two year;

(b) whether it is a fact that majority of the sky-scrapers in Delhi are still lacking in fire fighting equipment;

(c) how many of them are Govt. buildings;

(d) what specific measures have been taken by Government so far to ensure that the high rise buildings in the city are fully equipped with fire safety arrangements and what are the reasons for failure in this direction; and

(e) the manner in which Government propose to deal with the problem?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) 23 persons, including 11 employees of the Delhi Fire Service, sustained injuries in the fire incidents in the high rise buildings in Delhi during the years 1990 and 1991. No person died. The precise extent of loss of property has not been determined.

(b) and (c) 142 high rise buildings in Delhi are still lacking in fire safety requirements. Of these, 69 belong to Government or local and autonomous bodies.

(d) and (e) The Delhi Fire Service is pursuing all these cases vigorously to ensure that the fire safety require-

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